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AEGEAN TENSIONS

DUTCH AMBASSADOR CARL BARKMAN TOLD ME YESTERDAY HE RECEIVED CALLS FROM BOTH SOVIET AND CHINESE AMBASSADORS IN SUCCESSION. SOVIET AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING TENSIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY BECAUSE THEY MIGHT DISTURB PEACE IN THE AREA AND IMPLICATIONS TO FUTURE OF AEGEAN SEAS. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TOOK POSITION OIL CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY "TEMPEST IN A TEA POT. SOON AFTER THIS VISIT CHINESE (RED) AMBASSADOR ALSO CALLED TO OBTAIN BARKMAN'S VIEWS ON GREEK-TURKEY TENSIONS. HE INDICATED HIS CONVICTION SOVIETS EGGING ON TURKEY TO TOUGH STAND WITH GREECE IN ORDER TO DIVIDE TWO NATO ALLIES, THUS STRENGTHENING THEIR POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AT THE EXPENSE OF NATO. TASCA

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